



Docket No.: 12160.2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
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Roland N. Walker )  
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Serial No.: 09/964,989 ) Art Unit  
) 1775  
Filed: September 26, 2001 )  
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For: PROVIDING AN IMAGE ON AN ORGANIC )  
PRODUCT )  
)  
Examiner: Abraham Bahta )

**DECLARATION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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The Declarant, George Baravin states as follows:  
(Name)

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and over 21 years of age.
2. I make this declaration voluntarily and make it based upon my own personal knowledge.
3. I am familiar with the content of United States Patent Application number 09/964,989 and I have reviewed the newly amended claims.

4. Speaking Roses International, Inc. (hereinafter "Speaking Roses") sells and licenses products which fall under the newly amended claims.


5. I am Vice President of The USA Bouquet Company  
(Title) (Company)  
(hereinafter "Licensee"), which has entered into a licensing agreement to license an embodiment of the presently claimed invention owned by Speaking Roses.

6. It is because of the claimed features of the present invention that Licensee has entered into a licensing agreement with Speaking Roses.

7. Licensee's licensing agreement demonstrates that a long-felt need exists in the industry for the ability to personalize a live rose by printing thereon without damaging the product in the printing process.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of MAY, 2004.

  
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(Signature)  
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